



**Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
2015 National Training and Policy Conference
A Call to Advance Housing Rights and Opportunities**



Tuesday, September 01, 2015

7:45 – 9:00 a.m.	Doors open for registration
9:00 – 9:05 a.m.	Welcome – Gustavo Velasquez, Assistant Secretary, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
9:05 – 9:15 a.m.	Opening Remarks – The Hon. Julián Castro, Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
9:15 – 9:30 a.m.	Keynote Address – The Hon. Walter F. Mondale, 42 nd Vice President
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Featured Speaker – The Hon. Tim Kaine, U.S. Senator (Virginia)
9:45 – 10:15 a.m.	BREAK
10:15 – 11:40 a.m.	The Problem We All Live With: Residential Segregation Educating the public about the history of federal, state and local government-sponsored housing segregation is necessary to achieve support for policies that will effectively target entrenched patterns of residential segregation. Panelists will explore the forgotten history of government policies that established, fostered, and perpetuated racially segregated communities around the country, and discuss the present-day challenges to making the Fair Housing Act's commitment to removing racial barriers to equal housing opportunities a reality. Moderator: Bryan Greene, General Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Panelists: Richard Rothstein, Research Associate, Economic Policy Institute Sherrilyn Ifill, President and Director, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Legal Defense and Educational Fund
11:40 – 1:15 p.m.	LUNCH
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	New Rule Same Mandate: Reintroducing Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing For more than forty years, HUD program participants have been obligated by law to reduce barriers to fair housing so that every person in America can access affordable, quality housing, regardless of their race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability or familial status. To support compliance and reach more meaningful outcomes, HUD recently announced a final Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Rule to provide HUD program participants with clear guidelines and data to achieve fair housing goals. The panelists will provide an overview of the new AFFH rule, discuss how it applies to local governments, states and public housing authorities, and the impact the rule will have on communities across the nation. Moderator: Eric Halperin, Senior Advisor, Open Society Foundations

	<p>Panelists: Gustavo Velasquez, Assistant Secretary, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Harriet Tregoning, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Public and Indian Housing, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</p>
2:15 – 2:45 p.m.	<p>BREAK</p>
	<p><u>AFFH in Practice: Approaches to Achieve Success</u> Moderator: Phil Tegeler, Executive Director, Poverty and Race Research Action Council</p>
2:45 – 3:30 p.m.	<p>Panel 1: Challenges to Segregation Segregation by race and poverty is a historical legacy in our country which continues to divide our cities and create further disparity across communities. This panel will discuss the effects of segregation, and the legal, social and strategic tools available to challenge segregation both at the national and the local level.</p>
	<p>Panelists: Sheryll Cashin, Professor of Law, Georgetown University John Henneberger, Co-Director, Texas Low Income Housing Information Service</p>
3:30 – 4:25 p.m.	<p>Panel 2: Access to Opportunity Creating housing choice is an important part of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. Given that communities are still divided by race and poverty, the panel will discuss how housing choices can be created and strengthened, what role opportunity plays in assuring fair housing, and the logistical and strategic tools that may be needed to create and sustain housing choice in neighborhoods of opportunity.</p>
	<p>Panelists: Maria Krysan, Professor, Department of Sociology and the Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois at Chicago Demetria McCain, Vice President/Deputy Director, Inclusive Communities Project Megan Hyla, Director of Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs, King County Housing Authority Kevin Walsh, Associate Director, Fair Share Housing Center</p>
4:25 – 5:15 p.m.	<p>Panel 3: Investments In developing a balanced approach to addressing segregation and poverty in cities and states, investment in communities of color and other tactics can strengthen and renew distressed communities that have traditionally been under-resourced. Community-based leadership, including leadership by elected officials, developers, and civil rights and housing advocates will be critical to ensuring that real, sustainable change is made.</p>
	<p>Panelists: Diane Yentel, Vice President, Public Policy and Government Affairs, Enterprise Community Partners The Hon. Greg Fischer, Mayor of Louisville, KY Angela Glover Blackwell, Founder and President, Policy Link</p>

Wednesday, September 02, 2015

- 9:00 – 9:05 a.m. **Opening Remarks** – The Hon. Julián Castro, Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- 9:05 – 9:20 a.m. **Keynote Address** – The Hon. Loretta Lynch, Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice
- 9:20 – 9:45 a.m. **BREAK**
- 9:45 – 10:50 a.m. **Pointing the Way: Legal Trends to Follow**
What will be the emerging issues in fair housing enforcement over the next five to ten years? For example, the use of internet-based resources has dramatically changed the housing and lending search process. Changes in community attention to civil rights issues may drive changes in enforcement focus; emerging trends, court decisions and regulatory or legislative initiatives may change our enforcement framework or suggest new ways in which fair housing laws may be applied.
- Moderator:
Helen Kanovsky, General Counsel, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Panelists:
Robert G. Schwemm, Professor of Law, University of Kentucky
Sara Pratt, Senior Advisor, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
John Relman, Founder and Director, Relman, Dane & Colfax PLLC
- 10:50 – 11:20 a.m. **BREAK**
- 11:20 – 12:40 p.m. **Facially Neutral but Discriminatory: Reviewing Disparate Impact**
The U.S. Supreme Court recently held that “disparate impact claims are cognizable under the Fair Housing Act,” a resounding victory for proper interpretation of the Fair Housing Act. Panelists will discuss implications of the Court’s decision, HUD’s “Discriminatory Effects” regulation, and application of the discriminatory effects method of proving discrimination under the Fair Housing Act.
- Moderator:
Bryan Greene, General Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Panelists:
Betsy Julian, President, Inclusive Communities Project
Leslie Proll, Director, Washington, DC Office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Legal Defense and Educational Fund
Michelle Aronowitz, Deputy General Counsel for Enforcement and Fair Housing, Office of General Counsel, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- 12:40 – 2:10 p.m. **LUNCH**
- 2:10 – 3:20 p.m. **Open Access to Mortgages: A Renewed Focus on Lending Discrimination**
Homeownership is widely considered to be one of the most enduring symbols of

the American dream and the primary vehicle for building wealth for most families. But while becoming a homeowner is more attainable today than ever before, many individuals, particularly minorities, often face discriminatory practices when attempting to obtain a mortgage. This session will provide an in-depth analysis of credit scoring mechanisms and the limiting effect they have on under-served borrowers. The panelists will also explore the various roles of government agencies, government-sponsored enterprises and banking regulatory agencies in the housing market, and what some agencies are doing to ensure that every person aspiring to become a homeowner has equal access to fair and equitable home loan products.

Moderator:

Patrice Alexander Ficklin, Fair Lending Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Panelists:

Lisa Rice, Executive Vice President, National Fair Housing Alliance

Donna Murphy, Director, Community and Consumer Law Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

John Taylor, President and CEO, National Community Reinvestment Coalition

Steven H. Rosenbaum, Chief, Housing and Civil Enforcement Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

3:20 – 3:50 p.m.

BREAK

3:50 – 5:20 p.m.

Testing for Discrimination: Strong Methods Build Stronger Cases

Fair housing testing, which documents interactions between housing providers and individuals posing as prospective renters or buyers of real estate, has proven to be a vital tool for uncovering discrimination that may not be obvious to housing consumers. Testing can supply powerful evidence in investigations and testing can also be used in research to enhance our understanding of how discrimination occurs. The nation's leading experts on fair housing testing will provide their insights on the use of testing as an investigative and research tool.

Moderator:

Katherine O'Regan, Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy Development and Research, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Panelists:

Margery Turner, Senior Vice President, Program Planning and Management, Urban Institute

Fred Freiberg, Executive Director, Fair Housing Justice Center

Shanna Smith, President and CEO, National Fair Housing Alliance

Keenya Robertson, President and CEO, Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Inc.

Thursday, September 03, 2015

8:55 – 9:05 a.m.

Opening Remarks – Gustavo Velasquez, Assistant Secretary, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

9:05 – 9:15 a.m.

Featured Remarks – Deputy Secretary Nani Coloretti, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

9:15 – 9:30 a.m.

Keynote Address – Wade Henderson, President and CEO, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

9:35 – 10:35 a.m.

Climate Justice and Fair Housing

This session will highlight the intersections between fair housing and the emerging field of climate justice. Panelists will discuss the vulnerabilities of minority communities, persons with disabilities and others to climate change, and explore strategies and resources available to address these issues.

Moderator:

Michael Allen, Partner, Relman Dane & Colfax

Panelists:

Mustafa Santiago Ali, Assistant Associate Administrator and Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Environmental Justice and Community Revitalization, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Kevin Walsh, Associate Director, Fair Share Housing Center

John Henneberger, Co-Director, Texas Low Income Housing Information Service

Sara Pratt, Senior Advisor, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

10:35 – 11:15 a.m.

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11:15 – 1:00 p.m.

FHIP/FHAP Guidance Breakout